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INVITRO FERTILIY MACHINES IN AIIMS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that two and half years after AIIMS got Rs 13 lakh IVF (Invitro fertilisation) machine , the country`s premier tertiary care institute is not able to get its ART (Assisted Reproduction Technology) Centre started;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(c) the step taken/proposed to be taken in this regard;

(d) whether only a part of the Gynaecology ward was cleared to install the machine and to start the basic invitro fertilization machine facility ;

(e) if so, the details and the reasons thereof;

(f) whether the Government is also aware that AIIMS gets an estimated 100 patients every day who are in need of IVF facility ; and

(g) if so, the steps taken by the Government who ensure all the needy patients avail the IVF facility?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (e): It is a fact that AIIMS got IVF (Invitro Fertilization)machine at the cost of Rs.13 lakh but the said equipment could not be put to use due to non-availability of space. Now, the space has been made available as a part of Gynaecology ward which is being converted into IVF facility. The proposal for IVF facility has been approved by the Standing Fainance Committee of the institute. It is expected that the site progression work shall be completed by April, 2005.

(f) & (g): Approximately one hundred new patients are registered every day in the Gyaneciology OPD for various gyanecological problems. Only 2-3 per cent of these may require IVF. For them, the initiation of IVF facility is in progress.